

SIX HOURS
OF SPEEDINGBrought Victory to Strang
Just Before Noon

IN BIG 256 MILE RACE

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Accidents to Mar the
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Brattleboro, N. Y., April 24.—A racing Italian, driving an Isotta 50-horse power car, won the 256-mile auto race for the Brattleboro trophy, finishing shortly before noon to-day after a run of over five hours. Starting fourth, he immediately took the lead in elapsed time at the end of the first lap and increased it almost every circuit of the course. Toward the end the interest narrowed to a fight for second honors, Cedrino, Italian, in a Fiat 60-horse power, Lytle, United States, in an Apperson 50-horse power, and Poole, Italy, in an Isotta 50-horse power, taking turns at the lead.

Strang's time was five hours, 15 minutes and 19.15 seconds. Cedrino was second, five hours, 21 minutes and 52 seconds. Vaughan, driving a Stearns car, was third.

Despite the fear of disasters, none of the participants received serious injury. Four cars were put out of the race, but their drivers escaped. Considering the nature of the course, the time is considered remarkable.

Half a dozen bad accidents and one fatality were reported within the first half hour after the start of the race. A. Smith Hopkins, superintendent of the Eastview alma-house, dropped dead of heart disease as the result of excitement just before the start.

W. W. Watson, driver of the Simplex car, was injured internally and one toe was broken when his car overturned. Henry Wilcox was run down by a car near the start and had a leg broken. Mrs. Charles Upson was badly burned when her husband's auto caught fire near the start.

Hardly had the race started, when it was found that the bridge at Murray's Creek was falling. The racers were held while carpenters were rushed to the spot. They found the planking on the floor of the bridge loosened by vandals, evidently to injure the contestants.

The first car got away at 5:07 a. m. and the twenty-second and last at 5:28 o'clock. Fully 200,000 spectators were on the course, many having camped out all night.

The autos started in the following order:

No.	Driver and name of car.	Make.
1	Sutton, Bianchi	Italian
2	Cedrino, Fiat	Italian
3	Lytle, Apperson	American
4	Strang, Isotta	Italian
5	Leland, Stearns	American
6	Parker, Fiat	Italian
7	Mitchell, Lutz	American
8	Vaughan, Stearns	American
9	Mulford, Lozier	American
10	Murphy, Maja	Austrian
11	Poole, Isotta	Italian
12	Roberts, Thomas	American
13	Oldfield, Stearns	American
14	Bernin, Renault	French
15	Robertson, Panhard	French
16	Hillard, Hot-Tan	American
17	Blakely, Allen-Kingston	American
18	Bloch, Renault	French
19	Harding, Isotta	Italian
20	Bergdoll, Benz	German
21	Seymour, Simplex	American
22	Watson, Simplex	American

BRIDEGROOM DIED IN
PARIS LAST NIGHTDuke De Chalmes, Recently Married
Daughter of Theodore P. Shonts—
Latter Was Cabled To-day.

New York, April 24.—A cable to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore P. Shonts to-day announced the death in Paris last night of the Duke de Chalmes, who recently married their daughter. Mr. Shonts said that he and his wife would leave for Paris at once.

The duke dropped dead of heart disease in the Langham hotel.

BIG COTTON BROKERS
SUSPENDED TODAYT. A. McIntyre & Co. of New York Had
Many Branches in Various Towns
—The Failure Will Be
Heavy.

New York, April 24.—T. A. McIntyre and Co., one of the largest cotton brokerage firms in the country, having branches throughout the country, suspended to-day. The creditors are chiefly scattered out-of-town correspondents.

VERY FAVORABLE TODAY.

Grover Cleveland Passed a Good Night,
Comes Report.

Lakewood, N. J., April 24.—Grover Cleveland passed a good night. His condition was reported very favorable today.

WOMAN ANSWERS
INJUNCTION SUITKatherine G. Dunlevy of Brattleboro
Declares That Edward J. Fenton
Is Trying to Hinder Her Suit.

Brattleboro, April 24.—Miss Katherine G. Dunlevy, who was enjoined last week, on bill of discovery, from proceeding further with her suit against Edward J. Fenton for damages in the sum of \$15,000 for alleged breach of promise until she had disclosed what she knew about the disappearance of some letters, photographs and other documents from a desk in Mr. Fenton's store, filed her answer with the county clerk at Newfane yesterday.

Mr. Fenton alleged in his bill that Miss Dunlevy wrote him a letter intended to deceive him before he broke off a marriage engagement; that she visited his store one night after her suit was brought, ostensibly to talk about the case; that his desk was open and that he believed she took from his desk that letter, together with others, which she said were material to his case.

Miss Dunlevy, in her answer, says she did visit Mr. Fenton's store, but at his own request, but says she never wrote Mr. Fenton a letter like the one he mentioned. She admits having in her coat 25 letters, 19 of which were written by women other than herself and six by men. Copies of all the letters are attached.

Some other business matters and other mention love affairs. She says she got the letters from her brother, Joseph Dunlevy, and says her belief is that after Mr. Fenton vacated his store Joseph Dunlevy was sent in by his employer to clean up the waste paper and found the letters. All this, Miss Dunlevy says, was told before the grand jury and was brought out by State's Attorney R. C. Bacon, who is one of Mr. Fenton's counsel.

She says Mr. Fenton has had reason to know since the September term of court that she had the letters and that will date before the opening of the present term of court before bringing his bill of discovery, the trial of the case having been set for this term. His course is characterized as a subterfuge for hindering her action.

Miss Dunlevy asks that the injunction be dissolved and a hearing on the question will be held in a few days.

PASSENGERS THROWN
FROM THEIR BERTHSBut None Was Fatally Injured in the
Wreck of Erie Railroad Express
Traveling 60 Miles an
Hour.

Canisteo, N. Y., April 24.—The Chicago limited express on the Erie railroad was derailed at the station here this morning while going sixty miles an hour. All the cars but the rear Pullman left the track but remained right side up. The passengers were thrown out of their berths and bruised, but none was fatally hurt.

JUDGE DARLING SPEAKER.

Defends American Naval Construction at
St. Johnsbury.

St. Johnsbury, April 24.—One hundred covers were laid at the banquet of the North church. Men's club last evening, the occasion being the last of the informal affairs held throughout the winter. The speaking was in charge of the president of the club, Rev. George W. C. Hill, and short speeches were made by Sec. Adams of the Y. M. C. A., Rev. A. H. Gage, David E. Porter and Charles W. Steele. The address of the evening was by Hon. Charles H. Darling, collector of the port at Burlington. Judge Darling's speech was a defense of the American navy, replying especially to the charges in the magazines upon naval construction. He was a instant secretary of the navy through the Spanish-American war.

CHELSEA.

B. H. Adams, Jr., was in Stratford on
business Wednesday.

During the absence of W. F. Hood in New York his drug store is in charge of Arthur H. Morey.

Mrs. Wilder H. Dearborn has returned from a fortnight's visit to friends in Bradford and Fairlee.

Rev. Fred Daniels and wife returned the first of the week from Barre where they had been during conference.

Stanley C. Wilson has rented the McConnelly farm in Washington which he recently purchased to Fred J. Eastman.

Miss Cora Rogers has been engaged to teach again this spring in Tunbridge where she taught with success during the past year.

Miss Ida Mowry, who has been the guest of Miss A. E. Goss for several weeks returned to her home in Wilder the first of the week.

The frogs made their first appearance this season Wednesday which gives the sugar makers assurance that they want have to sugar much longer.

Mrs. Olive P. Plowman of Manchester, N. H., came recently to reside with her niece, Miss Effie Colburn, on Maple street.

Hon. John L. Bacon of White River Junction was in town on business Thursday as was also H. B. Carroll of the Junction and George Turner of South Royalton.

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Hood went Tuesday to New York to visit their daughter, Mrs. George J. Holmes, at Upper Nyack. Mr. Hood will be away about two weeks.

Work at the bobbin shop has been suspended this week to enable Machinery to put in some new shafting and make some other needed repairs when when completed will put the entire plant in first class shape.

HEAPS OF RUIN
IN RICHMONDMost of Village Wiped Out
By Fire To-day

FLAMES RAGED FIVE HOURS

Eleven Firms Had Business Wiped Out
and the Fire Was Stopped Only
After the Hardest Kind
of Fight.

Richmond, April 24.—A large portion of this fire-ridden village lies in ruins as the result of a conflagration which raged from 11:30 last night until 4:30 this morning, causing a loss estimated to be \$125,000. Nine business structures and two dwelling-houses were destroyed before the heroic fire-fighters, making a gallant stand, checked the rush of the flames at C. H. Pino's shoe store.

The building destroyed are as follows: Masonic block, containing Freeman's drug store, Sudarsky's clothing store, the post-office, and A. Hall's fruit store, besides the tenants in the upper story.

Norton block, containing Leary's drug store and Baker & Benway's barber shop. Gleason's block; E. E. Fish's hardware store.

Chamberlain's harness shop and Davis' jewelry store.

Hotel Bellevue.

Currier's livery stable.

Soule block, containing millinery store and tenement.

Green's furniture store.

McGarghan's hotel.

Dwelling house of Jacob Brown.

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Eleven business firms, three lodges and two hotels were wiped out, leaving but a little of the business life of the village left.

Where Fire Started.

The fire was discovered in the store of P. H. Sudarsky at half past eleven by Dr. W. H. Black and H. A. Buckley. At that time the flames had not broken out of the store. There was nothing to indicate, however, in which part of the store the fire originated, and it is probable that the cause of the conflagration will never be known. The alarm was given, but there is no fire fighting equipment in Richmond, so that the people were really powerless to prevent the destruction of the cluster of buildings at the corner where they started, but they hoped to confine them to that side of Bridge street.

From Sudarsky's store the fire soon communicated to other portions of the Masonic building, which was the finest structure in the place, and it was doomed in a short time. From there to the Park House, run by John McGarghan, who was burned out only a few years ago, and to the Greene furniture store was easy progress for the fiery element.

Toward the other direction, along Bridge street, the progress was equally rapid, the flames licking up building after building. Residents of dwelling houses in close proximity made hasty steps toward removing their household effects in anticipation of the flames making a clean sweep of the village. They carried their goods into the streets, and to-day Richmond looks like a camp of settlers who have just dropped down before having a chance to put up their houses.

The people went about the work hurriedly, but there was little hysteria about it, in spite of the great excitement under which they were laboring. And a remarkable feature about the fire is that no one was hurt.

A call was sent to Burlington for assistance and Chief Niles and eight firemen responded, bringing an engine and hose. The train consisted of an engine, two flat cars and a passenger coach, and the 15-mile run was made in thirty minutes. The Burlington firemen reached here at about two o'clock, and their arrival was greeted with joy. The steamer was hauled to the Bellevue, where a desperate stand was being made to stop the progress of the flames. The destruction of the village was unopposed.

However, the village is a scene of desolation today, and has received a blow from which it will be hard to recover. The exact amount of insurance is not known, but it is said that some of the people burned out were pretty well protected against loss.

Practically the entire telephone system of the village was burned out, there being but a single line in working order this morning. That was at Walker's store, and the people there were kept busy answering questions and sending messages.

Burlington Firemen Back Home.

Burlington, April 24.—The Burlington firemen who went to Richmond last night to fight the big fire, returned to this city this noon. They say that the fire was stopped only after desperate work.

TWO FIREMEN INJURED.

Hurt at Fire in Cote Home, at Nashua, N. H.

Nashua, N. H., April 24.—At a fire of unknown origin at the home of Joseph Cote, 137 Otis street, last evening, K. A. Burdick and Joseph Grandin, of truck 1 and hose 2 received severe injuries. Burdick going to the emergency hospital for surgical attendance. The fire started in a closet in the kitchen of the tenement occupied by Cote and worked its way to the second floor, and then into a blind attic, where it

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JUDGE REFUSED
TO DISMISS CASEAnd Trial of Peter Antonini Continued
in City Court With Testimony
Showing Evidences of Much
Liquor.

The hearing in the case of Peter Antonini, charged with keeping liquor with intent to sell was started before Judge Scott in the city court this morning. Grand Juror E. R. Davis prosecuting and William Wishart defending. After several witnesses had been put on by the state the defendant's attorney made a motion to discharge the case on the grounds that the state had not proved a sale and that the evidence had been insufficient to prove a clear case against the defendant. The court overruled the motion, however, and the continuation of the case was put over to two o'clock this afternoon.

Chief Faulkner and Officer Hamel, two of the officers making the raid, were the first witnesses. Officer Hamel testified to finding, when he first entered the house, five men sitting around a table in the front room with a bottle of beer in front of each of them and in the kitchen he said he saw six more men. In the cellar he found a barrel of bottled beer unopened and another barrel partly emptied, a full barrel of wine and two empty half barrels, and on the floor of the cellar were many empty beer bottles. In the kitchen he saw five whiskey glasses, thirteen beer glasses and five bottle openers and in the cupboard a bottle of whiskey. The officers seized the beer and the bottle of whiskey.

The other witnesses put on this morning were Joseph John and Mrs. John, who live opposite the house occupied by Antonini, and Mrs. Timothy Holland, all of whom testified to seeing both men and women going to and from Antonini's house, alone and in parties of several.

A "HONK! HONK!" SHOW.

You Could Almost Smell the Gasoline
and Could See the "Sparkers" Working.

As bright and clean a musical comedy as has been seen in Barre for a long time was Sidney Rosenfeld's "The Vanderbilt Cup," played before a good crowd of appreciative people at the Barre opera house last night. There have been better bits of chorus work and more intricate movements of gyrating girls, but taken altogether, the performance was satisfactory. Dave Armand, the funniest man of the bunch, was capable of producing a laugh most any time, while petite Genevieve Victoria captured the crowd by her naivete and sprightliness. The three Pendleton sisters were remarkably clever on their feet—also their heads; and Lottie Kendall "who has no speed limit," also did a musical stunt or two that pleased.

The whole performance smacked of the automobile, so much so that the audience could almost smell the gasoline. There were "Honk! Honk!" everywhere, and no end of "sparking." A real automobile in motion added to the realistic features of the scene.

The company dropped down from Sherbrooke, P. Q., late yesterday and went to-day to Randolph, where they show to-night, and from there they go to Burlington for their final appearance in the state. The manager of "The Vanderbilt Cup" has been in the business for 33 years and he says he never saw a season so poor as this. He thought Barre turned out a good sized audience, considering the conditions.

TWO TONS OF SWEETNESS

Made by 'Mont Little, Who Closed His
Season Today.

'Mont Little closed to-day his longest and most successful maple sugar season, and it's the best he ever heard of. He tapped a thousand trees and has made 4,100 pounds of sugar, an average of more than four pounds to a tree. His best year before was last year, and putting the two together, he made over four tons of sugar in that time. It is unusual for two good seasons to come together as they did this and last year.

Mr. Little tapped his trees on the 23d of March, thus making a month to a day that the maples have been yielding their fluid. Yesterday even there was a fine frost, but the warm weather is weakening the quality of the sap, and he has got tired of boiling down the product. So he quit and turned the buckets over. The season has held on because of the continuation of cold snaps all during the first part of this month. Some nights there have been almost continuous runs of sap all night long, which is remarkable. But that was only one phase of this remarkable year.

CHAPLE—McKNIGHT.

Marriage at Home of Bride on Brook
Street Last Night.

The marriage of Miss Mary McKnight and Forest Chaple, both of this city, occurred at seven o'clock last evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKnight, of 23 Brook street. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Francis A. Poole, the single ring service being used. In the presence of a party of relatives and friends, Miss Maude Dike acted as bridesmaid and John McCortie was the best man.

The bride was becomingly attired in a dress of white point d'esprit over white silk and carried white earrings, while the bridesmaid was dressed in white muslin and carried pink carnations.

Mr. and Mrs. Chaple will reside at 23 Brook street. Mr. Chaple is a granite cutter by occupation.

The property of the Pownal Stone Co., a corporation organized for the purpose of manufacturing crushed stone to be used in building highways in the state of New York, was sold at auction last week on a foreclosure secured by Jarvis P. O